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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE US INITIATIVE FOR UNESCO MEDIUM-TERM
PLAN (20 C/4) AND DRAFT PROGRAM AND BUDGET 1979-80 (20
C/5) - EDUCATION FOR THE HANDICAPPED

1. DAY FOR THE HANDICAPPED (JUNE 1, 1977) FOCUSED
UNESCO ATTENTION ON THE NEED FOR MORE ATTENTION BY ALL
MEMBER STATES TO THE EDUCATION OF THE HANDICAPPED.
PRESENCE OF DR. EDWIN MARTIN, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR
EDUCATION OF THE HANDICAPPED AT THIS EVENT ENHANCED US
INFLUENCE AND LEADERSHIP IN THIS AREA AND AWAKENED MANY
WHO ATTENDED TO RIGHTS OF HANDICAPPED TO AN APPROPRIATE
EDUCATION.

2. THE 14 MEMBER STATES FROM NORTH AMERICA AND WESTERN
AND EASTERN EUROPE MAKING PRESENTATIONS AT THAT MEETING
APPEARED TO BE INTERESTED, SOME KEENLY SO, IN IMPROVING
EDUCATION FOR THE HANDICAPPED.

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3. FOLLOWING UP ON DR. MARTIN'S VISIT TO UNESCO,
PERMDEL RECOMMENDS THAT US INTRODUCE AT 103RD SESSION
OF EXECUTIVE BOARD 12 SEPTEMBER 1977 A NEW
UNESCO INITIATIVE ON EDUCATION OF HANDICAPPED FOR IN-
CLUSION IN 20 C/4 AND 20 C/5 DOCUMENTS TO BE APPROVED
AT 20TH GC.

4. IF DEPT AND USOE/DIE CONCUR THAT SUCH INITIATIVE WOULD BE DESIRABLE, PERMDEL REQUESTS THEY APPROACH MARTIN WITH THIS PROPOSAL TO OBTAIN HIS SUPPORT. (FYI: WHEN MARTIN WAS IN PARIS, PERMDEL DISCUSSED THIS POSSIBILITY WITH HIM. AFTER LEARNING THAT THERE WOULD BE ONLY SLIGHT DEMANDS UPON HIS TIME, HE SEEMED INTERESTED AND AGREED TO GIVE IT SERIOUS THOUGHT.)

5. SHOULD US WISH TO PURSUE THIS INITIATIVE MARTIN AND HIS STAFF WOULD BE BEST SOURCE OF PROPOSED SUBSTANTIVE PROGRAM PROPOSALS. SUBJECT TO THINKING IN USOE AND DEPT, PERMDEL WOULD RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES CONSISTENT WITH PARA 5318 OF DOC. 19 C/4 FOR SUCH AN INITIATIVE:

(A) REGULAR BUDGET ALLOCATION BE RAISED FROM CURRENT \$90,000 TO \$400,000 IN 20 C/5 DOCUMENT;

(B) PROVIDING ADVISORY SERVICES TO MEMBER STATES TO ASSIST THEM IN PROMOTING INTRODUCTION OR INCREASING SCOPE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION FOR VARIOUS CATEGORIES OF PHYSICALLY, MENTALLY AND EMOTIONALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE;

(C) PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO MEMBER STATES FOR THE DE-UNCLASSIFIED

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VELOPMENT OF EDUCATION POLICIES FOR THE EDUCATION OF THE
HANDICAPPED IN BOTH SPECIAL AND REGULAR SCHOOLS;

(D) PROVIDING FOR TRAINING OF SPECIALISTS AND TEACHER
TRAINERS TO FUNCTION IN MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION, TEACHER
TRAINING COLLEGES, AND SCHOOL SYSTEMS.

6. INCREASE IN BUDGET ALLOCATION COULD BE OBTAINED FROM
REDUCING BUDGET ALLOCATIONS IN MORE PERIPHERAL UNESCO
EDUCATION PROGRAMS CONTAINED IN SUB-PROJECTS
1.1512.1, 1.1513.2, 1.1514.1, 1.1522.4 OF 19 C/5.

7. FROM DISCUSSIONS AT DAY FOR THE HANDICAPPED, PERMDEL
FEELS THAT WESTERN EUROPEAN NATIONS, PARTICULARLY SCANDI-
NAVIA, UK, AND CANADA WOULD SUPPORT THIS INITIATIVE.
SUPPORT MIGHT ALSO BE SOLICITED FROM POLAND AND POSSIBLY
HUNGARY. THIRD WORLD NATIONS WOULD NOT PLACE HIGH PRI-
ORITY ON EDUCATION OF THE HANDICAPPED, BUT THEY RECOG-
NIZE THAT THE INTERESTS OF DEVELOPED MEMBER
STATES SHOULD ALSO BE SERVED AND THAT THEY TOO COULD
BENEFIT FROM SUCH A PROGRAM.

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8. IF USOE AND DEPT AGREE THAT THIS INITIATIVE BE PUR-
SUED, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT IT BE PRESENTED AT NEXT SES-
SION OF EXBD IN SEPTEMBER. PERMDEL REQUESTS AFFIRMATIVE
OR NEGATIVE ANSWER IN NEAR FUTURE TO PERMIT TIME FOR
DEVELOPMENT OF INTRODUCTORY STRATEGY INCLUDING SOLICIT-
ING OF SUPPORT OF FRIENDLY EXBD MEMBERS AND
PERMDELS. US PERMDEL WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE BRIEF POSI-
TION PAPER OR TALKING POINTS IN SUPPORT OF SUCH INI-
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